

**Appln No. 10/589,056**  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

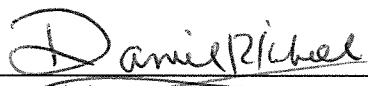
Claims 1-9 are pending and amended herein.

On page 2 of the Office action, claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Examiner states that claims 1-9 would appear to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this ground of rejection and also to remove "characterised" language and reference numerals to better comply with U.S. patent practice. Dependent claims 2-9 are also amended to remove "characterised" language and reference numerals.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully believes that the application is in condition for allowance, which is solicited. If the Examiner has any further comments or suggestions, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

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